

Devils Swamp Lake Site, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

Devil's Swamp Lake is currently being investigated by Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc. They are the current owner/operators of the former Rollins Environmental Services, Inc. Disposal Facility. They are currently conducting a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study under a Unilateral Administrative Order issued by the EPA.

The facility is located in a heavy industrial area, near the Alsen Community, an EJ area also referred as the beginning of "Cancer Alley" in Louisiana.

While working with the Community a concern was registered with the Community Involvement Group about the communities concern with the quality of their drinking water. Responding to this concern, arrangements were made with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital to do a sampling of the three wells used as a water source. The EPA then sampled Tap Water at some residences in the community and at the Clean Harbors Facility. We were able to assure the community about the quality of their water and further educate them about the availability of water testing results from the City of Baton Rouge.

EPA also set-up a Technical Assistance Grant for the community to help interpret technical results and help keep them up to date on the investigation.

The Community Involvement Group also arranged and sponsored a Health Fair for the Community featuring 26 Local Agencies with free Health Screenings, Health Information and Contacts.

We continue to work with the Alsen Community and in 2013 working closely with the PRP, while responding to a request from the community, we were able to work out a Scholarship Program. A Scholarship to Baton Rouge Community College, sponsored by Clean Harbors, was awarded to a student from the Alsen Community in 2014.